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# India is at a turning point in history: RSS General Secretary

## 13th Convocation of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (RKB&BCT)- For several decades, India had to undergo many hardships like internecine clashes, policy problems, poverty, illiteracy, corruption and many more. "We had to beg before many countries for help. Fortunately, that difficult period is over now and we have been able to achieve self-reliance in food production, electrification, energy, security and infrastructure at a never-before rapid pace," said RSS Sarkaryavah (General Secretary) Dattatreya Hosabale.

He was delivering the 13th Convocation address of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) at Sri Rajendra auditorium in JSS Medical College premises, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, this morning in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and others.

*RSS Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale delivering the Convocation address at JSS Medical College in city this morning in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and others.*

"India is at a turning point in history. On the one hand, it is emerging from a bleak situation to a leadership position. On the other, it has to address issues of national security — both external and internal as vested interests are at work to break the country," he opined.

"The nation is now making historic strides. Bharat is awakening and people are abandoning their deep slumber. This ancient civilisation has faced many ups and downs, but it has never ended. We are suffering from some long-time illnesses such as social inequality, casteism, social strife, outdated customs and so on," he noted.

### India has intrinsic strength to rise again

Also, India is gripped with some modern ailments like unbridled consumerism, love for commodities, licentiousness, moral turpitude, alienation, psycho-somatic diseases, etc. "We have to redeem our society from these evils. Our country has passed through trying times and has the intrinsic strength to rise again," he added.

Although foreign rulers left India seven decades ago, a vast section of the educated class continues to be in mental slavery. "The Eurocentric ideas, systems and practices, the Western world view are still ruling us for decades. The wish of Thomas Macaulay to create a class of people who are Indians in blood and colour, but English in taste, in opinion, morals and intellect is almost fulfilled," he said.

### Casting aspersion against India's culture

"These people who held key positions in education, judiciary, administration, institutions, in art and culture arena and in media did not merely remain mentally imprisoned, but they continue to cast aspersion against India's culture and have aversion to anything Indian and opposed Indian-ness. Therefore, there is a need for decolonising minds. The soul of Bharat, long suppressed, should find utterance," Dattatreya Hosabale added.

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# Patients hail facilities at two new Hospitals on KRS Road

## Both Govt. Hospitals to function from 9 am to 4 pm
## More than 100 avail treatment on Day-1

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (MTY&BCT) - More than 100 patients availed treatment at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre that were opened this morning.

Though only select Departments were opened, patients appreciated the District Administration's move and complimented the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) for the long-pending initiative.

People started pouring into the Hospitals from early in the morning and most of them were from the economically weaker sections of society.

Earlier, they had to go to the crowded and congested K.R. Hospital and what they have now is two spacious Hospitals that will slowly transform the healthcare scenario of Mysuru.

Though many patients squatted on the ground in front of the medical departments as seating furniture was not placed, they hailed the new set-up and were elated to meet their familiar doctors.

Over 50 new patients got enrolled in the departments and there were more than 100 old patients who were sent there from the K.R. Hospital Departments.

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

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## World Cancer Day awareness at Basudev Somani College

Mysuru, Feb. 6- As part of World Cancer Day, an awareness programme was organised by Basudev Somani College in association with Rotary Club of Mysore South East in the College auditorium recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Ramakrishna, Consultant Medical Gastroenterology (Clearmedi Radiant Hospital, Mysuru) and all the dignitaries by watering the plant.

Speaking on the occasion. Dr. Ramakrishna gave detailed information about the disease and informed students that World Cancer Day is celebrated on Feb. 4 every year with different themes, and the theme for 2022-24 is 'Close the Care Gap.'

He provided details about various types of cancer, their effects and ways to avoid them. He also assisted students in educating their family members about cancer and how to fight it.

Rtn. S. Vasudevan, Assistant Governor, Zone-8, Dist. 3181, spoke briefly about Rotary Club and stressed the need for awareness about cancer.

Dr. Mahadevaswamy, Principal, Basudev Somani College, presided. Syeda Nishad, Assistant Professor in the Department of Postgraduate Studies in Commerce, compered.

Rtn. M. Mohan, President, Rotary Mysore South East, proposed a vote of thanks. All the teaching, non-teaching staff and students were present on the occasion.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***The All-India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE), 2020-21, presents a mixed picture of the higher education scene in the country after the waning of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are both positives and negatives in the report. It shows that the total enrolment of students in higher education increased to nearly 41.4 million in 2020-21 from 38.5 million in 2019-20 and that women's enrolment showed an increase from 18.8 million to 20.1 million. There are other gains, too. Government Universities, which constitute 59.1% of all Universities, account for 73.1% of the total enrolment of students. The number of Universities and Colleges and the number of teachers also increased. Another important finding is that the number of Scheduled Caste (SC) students, including female students, and the number of Other Backward Classes (OBC) students registered an increase. The number of students enrolled in distance education also increased. Karnataka is among the top States in terms of enrolment and density of Colleges in the country. One major negative is the fall in women's representation in streams like engineering, commerce and management. A remarkable level of gender balance had been achieved in medicine and commerce streams, but it has now shifted in favour of men. Men have also increased their dominance in courses like technology, law and business administration. The gender composition of classrooms had steadily improved over the years, but the report shows that there was a setback during the COVID years.***

***It is too early to know whether the fall in representation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and other similar courses is a trend, but it needs to be countered with policies by Governments and educational institutions. Scholarships and other forms of assistance should be offered to women students to attract them to such courses. The aim should be to ensure that every educational stream and course has the right gender balance.*** *— In Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### 14 dancing dogs form conga line

Germany: A German dog trainer earned a Guinness World Record with his team of talented canines when 14 performing pooches formed a conga line. Wolfgang Lauenburger earned the record for most dogs in a conga line when his 14 trained canines arranged themselves into the party dance formation under his instruction.

Lauenbruger, an accomplished trainer with multiple Guinness World Records, took the record from his own daughter, Alexa Lauenbruger, who managed to get 9 dogs into a conga line. The dogs who formed the conga line for Lauenbruger's record attempt are named Emma, Filou, Fin, Simon, Susy, Maya, Ulf, Speck, Bibi, Katie, Jennifer, Elvis, Charly and Cathy.

### Food market on railway tracks

Thailand: Thailand's Maeklong Railway Station in Samut Songkhram province is a tourist attraction. The station has Rom Hup Market which literally sits on the railway track.

The market is spread over a 100-metre stretch and it is a common fresh market selling seafood, vegetable, fruits, fresh and dried food, meats and other miscellaneous goods. The market is called the 'life-risking' market because its stalls are attached to the Mae Klong-Ban Laem railway, which is a short railway line running from and to Mahachai and Mae Klong.

Vendors at the market put out parasols to protect themselves against the sun. The shelters stick into the railway where visitors walk and do their shopping. When each signal of the arriving train rings, chaos happens: vendors will rush to close their parasols and canvas, along with clearing all goods that will obstruct the coming train at a great speed. A video of it was shared by Eric Solheim with caption, "Maeklong Railway Market, Thailand a marketplace with a railway track through it," has amassed over 26,000 views on Twitter.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

*By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant – Urology and Andrology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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## Rear Admiral I.B. Uthaiah is DG, Warship Design Bureau

***Rear Admiral Ichettira B. Uthaiah** (right) **seen after taking over as Director General of Warship Design Bureau from Rear Admiral Bimal Kumar.***

New Delhi, Feb. 6 (BCT)- Rear Admiral Ichettira B. Uthaiah has taken over as the Director General of Warship Design Bureau from Rear Admiral Bimal Kumar on Feb. 1, 2023. He earlier held the post of Admiral Superintendent at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. Uthaiah is the only Naval officer from Kodagu serving third in the top echelons of the Indian Navy.

On being elevated to Flag Rank, Uthaiah has served as Additional Director General (Technical), Project Seabird and Chief Staff Officer (Technical), at the Headquarters, Eastern Naval Command, prior to taking over his current assignment.

Commissioned into the Indian Navy in Nov.1987, Uthaiah is an alumnus of the Naval College of Engineering, INS Shivaji, Lonavala, and holds an M.Tech and M.Phil degrees in addition.

In his 35 years of service, the Rear Admiral has served the Indian Navy in various capacities, with appointments at Warship Design Directorate, Training Academies, Naval Dockyard and at the Command and Naval HQ.

His key staff appointments cover areas of Warship Design, Building and Acquisition; Warship Operation, Maintenance and Repair, Officer Training and Project Management of a mega Marine and Civil Infrastructure Project. His operational and staff appointments include General Manager (Refit) at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, and Principal Director (Ship Production).

He was awarded the Vishist Seva Medal (VSM) for distinguished service at Naval Dockyard and was instrumental in concluding major warship construction contracts with Russian and Indian Shipyards as Principal Director. Uthaiah is married to Ramya, daughter of Maneyapanda Ravi. The couple has a son and a daughter.

## REALLY...?

- ***The deepest place on Earth is the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. It's 36,201 feet (11,034m) deep. That's almost seven miles!***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Mia:*** *I think we need a new teacher.*
***Mom:*** *Why is that?*
***Mia:*** *Our teacher doesn't know anything!... she keeps asking us for the answer!!*

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## VOICE OF THE READER

# Rangayana must stage plays at different venues in Mysuru

Sir,

I hereby appeal to authorities of Rangayana theatre repertory to present their shows at different venues in Mysuru city.

I am 70-year-old and a theatre lover who has not missed any plays of Rangayana for the past 25 years.

Now, owing to age factor, it is difficult to commute between my house and Rangayana, a 6-km distance, that too in late evening hours. Many of my friends and acquaintances express similar opinion, when I discuss about some plays staged at Rangayana.

There are suitable venues in different extensions of Mysuru city to stage the plays. Adaptability and improvisation could not be a problem, as Rangayana is presenting its shows at different places in Karnataka and outside.

I hope that the Director of Rangayana and authorities concerned will consider and take a positive action in this regard.

**—H.S. Shivaram**
Ramakrishnagar
27.12.2022

# Navodaya Vidyalaya admissions to class 6; Entrance exam for Class 9

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SSM) - The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, DMG Halli, in the taluk has invited applications from eligible students for admission to sixth standard for the year 2023-24.

The admission will be based on a written entrance test to be conducted on Apr. 29. Applications can be submitted online along with the required documents by logging on to *www.navodaya.gov.in* before Feb. 8.

The entrance examination for admission to ninth standard in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, DMG Halli, in the taluk for the year 2023-24 will be held on Feb. 11 at the School premises.

Those who have submitted their applications may download their admit cards from by logging on to *www.navodaya.gov.in.*

For details, call Ph: 0821-2970040, according to a press release from the School Principal.

# Nagaraj V. Bairy is new Chairman of BAI, Mysore Centre

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Nagaraj V. Bairy was elected as the Chairman of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, at the election of office-bearers and Executive Committee for the year 2023-2024 held recently at Hotel Royal Inn in city.

*Nagaraj V. Bairy* *K.S. Balaji* *C.S. Srikanth*

The following are the other newly-elected office-bearers:

Vice-Chairman: V. Srinath; Hon. Secretary: K.S. Balaji; Hon. Joint Secretary: S. Vasudevan; Hon. Treasurer: C.S. Srikanth; Imm. Past Chairman: R. Raghunath; Chairman-Elect: A.S. Yoganarasimha; Advisors: M.S. Ramprasad and B.S. Dinesh; General Council Members: N.S. Murallidhara, K. Sriram and M.C. Mallikarjun; Co-opted: U.M. Gurushanthappa.

Executive Committee Members: G. Ashok, Ashwin R. Pallegar, B.S. Chandrashekar Bharadwaj, K.U. Ganapathi, V. Gurudatt, C.D. Krishna, Mahabaleshwara Bairy, K.R. Prabhakara Rao, M.D. Praveen Pal, P. Puttaswamy, K.M. Raghunath, K.N. Ravishankar, K. Sathish Mohan, S. Shashiraj, S.H. Srinivas; Co-opted Executive Committee Members: K.T. Govindaraju, D. Srihari, V. Mohan Kumar, Mohan Kunte, Lokesh N. Gowda, H.B. Ravi Rathnakar and Ravi K. Iyenger.

**World Environment Month Celebrations Committee** - Chairman: A.S. Yoganarasimha; Hon. Secretary: V. Gurudatt; Advisor: R. Raghunath.

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# Pombolak Kodava Koota holds Puthari Othorme Koota

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Puthari Othorme Koota of Pombolak Kodava Koota, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, was held recently at Kodava Samaja here.

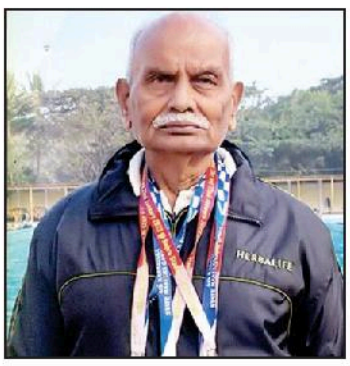
Mundottira Jaya Chengappa, President of Pombolak Kodava Koota, welcomed. Hon. Secretary Chottanda Chengappa read the report of various activities undertaken by the Koota. Sponsors' list was read by Joint Secretary Guddanda Rashmi Uday.

Kullachanda Vinutha Kesari, Treasurer, presented income and expenses of the Koota.

Boppanda Appaji, Mallengada Sharan Somaiah, Mullanda Vinu, Theetharamada Dr. Devaki, Thithira Beena, Sports Secretary Adikera Sajan Kariappa and area representative of Kodava Samaja Ammanda Somaiah were the dignitaries on the dais. Thathira Bheemaiah, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks.

The entire programme was anchored by Kullachanda Sahana Kesari. Kodava traditional dances were the highlight of the function. The members actively participated in all the activities.

# Elderly swimmer bags medals at State-level



Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SSM) - City's 80-year-old senior swimmer **Sundaram Basappa** has bagged four gold medals in swimming contest at the 4th Karnataka State Masters Games-2023 organised by Karnataka Masters Games Association (affiliated to Masters Games Federation of India) at the Nehru Stadium in Shivamogga on Jan. 21 and 22.

Owner of Sri Manjunatha Dish View and a resident of Vivekanandanagar in city, Sundaram has secured gold medal each in 50m Back Stroke (1:42), 100m Back Stroke (3:32:91), 50m Free Style (1:14) and 4x50m Free Style Relay in the '75 and Above' age category representing Mysuru city.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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Mass marriage

Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts Veerashaiva Matadhipatigala Ghosti and Harave Sri Viraktha Mutt have jointly organised a free mass marriage for prospective brides and grooms of Veerashaiva-Lingayat community at Sri Viraktha Mutt in Harave, Chamarajanagar district on Mar. 12. Free saree, blouse, panche, valli, shirt, mangalya and silver toe-ring will be provided. Interested couple may submit application at the Ghosti Office near Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle in city or at the Mutt before Mar. 1. For details, contact Mob: 99641-51105 or 94490-30588, according to a press release.

### Applications invited

The Department of Social Welfare has invited applications from meritorious SC students who have passed post-matric exams, PUC, Polytechnic diploma, degree, Master's degree or any other professional courses with 60 percent marks to avail incentives. Candidates must have passed the all the exams in their first attempt. Interested may submit applications by logging on to sw.kar.nic.in before Feb. 28. For details, call Ph: 0821-2520910.

### Ph.D awardee

R. Shivakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Adhunika Kannada Natakagalu: Shoshane Mattu Vimochana Nelegalu.' He worked under the guidance of Dr. N.K. Lolakshi.

## WATER LEVEL

### KRS DAM

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| Maximum | : | 124.80 feet |
| Today | : | 112.86 feet |
| Yesterday | : | 112.98 feet |
| Inflow | : | 373 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 1,212 cusecs |

### KABINI DAM

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| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 feet |
| Today | : | 2,271.22 feet |
| Inflow | : | 101 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 500 cusecs |

### HARANGI DAM

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| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 feet |
| Today | : | 2,829.01 feet |
| Inflow | : | 88 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 70 cusecs |

# DDPI inspects ISKCON's mid-day meals preparation facility

Mysuru, Feb.6 (SPN&DM)- As ISKCON, which is supplying mid-day meals to select Schools of the city and taluk, gets ready for starting another food preparation facility, DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs visited the existing facility here on Friday and inspected the preparation of meals and quality of ration used for the purpose.

Speaking to press persons later, Ramachandraraje Urs said that ISKCON has been supplying meals to over 18,000 children of 142 Schools in the city and taluk for the past few years. Now ISKCON has planned to set up another food preparation facility at Mahadevapura, he noted.

Maintaining that the quality and quantity of food being supplied has been checked, Urs said that ISKCON is found to be maintaining consistent quality and at the same time also ensuring hygiene and cleanliness.

ISKCON's Krishnashekardas and Pankajadridas, Akshaya Patre Foundation Manager Jnanesh Nataraj, Mysuru District Akshara Dasoha Officer Revanna, DDPI Office staff Suresh, Physical Education Officers Siddaraju, Dr. Ganesh Kumar, Dr. Mohammad Rafiq Pasha, Nagesh, Suresh, Ganesh and others were present.

# NSS National Integration Camp held

Mysuru, Feb.6 (RKB&DM)- Karnataka State NSS Officer Pratap Lingaiah said it is the responsibility of every citizen of the country to vouch for National Integration and to fight disruptive forces.

He was speaking after launching the week-long National Integration Camp jointly organised by University of Mysore (UoM) NSS Wing and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports at NSS Bhavan on Sahukar Channaiah road in Saraswathipuram here on Friday.

Pointing out that India is known for Unity in Diversity across the world, Pratap Lingaiah said perhaps no other country in the world has such a diversified culture, language, food and traditions. But still the country is very strong in Unity, which is key for progress, he said adding that we should have a common goal for taking our country forward in all respects. It is happy to note that NSS is playing a vital role in building a sense of Unity and Oneness, he added.

UoM Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. H. Rajashekar said that there are certain issues which are proving to be a threat to the country's Unity and Integrity. Pointing out that casteism, communalism, regionalism and the like are posing a serious threat to the nation, he stressed on the need for everyone to learn at least one language other than mother-tongue as it will help in bonding. Developing a mindset of oneness holds key for building an informed and better society, he added.

NSS Programme Officer Dr. M.B. Suresh, Prof. B. Chandrashekar, Prof. Suresh, K.T. Veerappa, Training Officer K.A. Cariappa, Prof. B.K. Shivanna, Prof. B.K. Jagadish, Prof. J.B. Shivaraj, Prof. K.M. Veeraiah, Prof. Sathyanarayan, Prof. Kalachannegowda, Dr. Rudraiah and others were present.

# Christian community members want Mysuru Bishop back

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SPN&DM)- Seeking the return of Mysore Bishop Rev. K.A. William, who has gone on a long leave, hundreds of Christian community members from Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts, under the banner of Mysore Diocese Laity Voice, took out a prayer and peace procession in the city yesterday.

The peace march, which commenced from St. Philomena's Church on Ashoka road, passed through Fountain Circle and LIC Circle before culminating at 'Sanmaargi', the new Bishop's House in Bannimantap, where a memorandum was submitted to Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras.

The protestors, who held placards that carried various messages against false propaganda, demanded immediate action against the priests who were involved in creating nuisance and causing damage to not only Bishop Rev. William, but also to the entire Christian community in general.

Addressing the rally, Community leader Mathew Suresh said that some of the priests were creating disturbances in the community and are making baseless allegations against Bishop Rev. William. Maintaining that the allegations against Rev. William is far from truth, he said that there is no evidence to prove any allegation against the Bishop. If at all there was any allegation, the matter should have been discussed within the four walls, he noted. Stating that the priests who have made the allegations should not have damaged the community by posting the allegations in social media, Suresh demanded immediate return of Rev. William, who he said has gone on a long leave, upset over false and baseless allegations.

# Road to Venugopalaswamy Temple near KRS in bad shape

## Despite attracting thousands of devotees every day, the road has not been given attention

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (ACP&BCT)- One of the most prominent tourist spots near Mysuru is the Venugopalaswamy Temple at Hosa Kannambadi village, near Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

Every day thousands of tourists come here from far-flung areas beyond Mandya and outside Karnataka but sadly, the surroundings of the beautifully constructed Temple, an architectural marvel, lack motorable roads and other facilities.

The approach road to the Temple is about 2 kms from the main village road and it is in a pathetic state and has not seen a coat of asphalt at all. The road is laid with jelly stones and filled with potholes and knee-deep craters. Four-wheeler drivers find it difficult to manoeuvre their vehicles while two-wheeler riders easily lose balance to crash onto the road along with their vehicles.

**History of Temple**

The original Venugopalaswamy Temple was located in Kannambadi village. But with the construction of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the entire village of Kannambadi submerged along with the Temple. Later, the then-ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar ordered the construction of the new village which was named Hosa Kannambadi.

**Relocation and restoration**

The construction of the KRS Dam began in 1909 and by 1930 the entire Kannambadi village was submerged. However, in 2000 due to drought conditions, the Venugopalaswamy Temple resurfaced when water levels in the Reservoir dropped drastically.

Seeing the architectural beauty of the Temple, the Khoday Foundation, under the guidance of Sri Hari Khoday, relocated the temple structure block-by-block after spending crores of rupees. More than 200 workers and machines removed the carved stones and pillars of the Temple, after marking each one of them. The relocated Temple has been built in its original shape and architecture. The relocation and rebuilding work was completed in 2011.

However, the efforts of the Khoday Foundation in conserving the ancient Temple have not been supported by the local administration which has literally neglected its surrounding areas. The Temple has become very difficult to access owing to the poor quality of the road.

**Khoday Foundation maintenance**

Interestingly, after renovation, the Khoday Foundation continues to maintain the Temple and has appointed priests and security personnel. The entire expense is being borne by the Foundation and no 'Kanike Hundi' has been kept inside like any other Temple.

The road leading to the Temple comes under the jurisdiction of Katteri village in Pandavapura Assembly Constituency represented by MLA C.S. Puttaraju. But the local Panchayat has not bothered to repair the road till now. Forget asphalting, the authorities have not bothered to make the road even motorable, considering the number of tourists who come to the Temple every day.

On an average, over 1,000 tourists come here daily and the number swells during weekends and holidays. **The place desperately needs infrastructure like shelters, benches and toilets.** Imagine there are only two toilets at a far-away nook, one for ladies and one for men. But they are closed at sharp 5.30 pm even when there are visitors in the premises. Visitors are forced to ease themselves in the open areas leaving the entire area around the Temple stinking with unbearable stench as the toilets are closed at 5.30 pm though the Temple complex is open till 6.30 pm.

**Repairs soon: PDO**

Katteri Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Mahesh told *Star of Mysore* that when H.D. Kumaraswamy was the Chief Minister, the Government had released Rs. 60 lakh to develop the road. "But the Government changed later and the funds did not come through. Now Rs. 4.5 lakh has been released with which the road to the Temple will be developed soon," he said.

The location of the Temple is about one kilometre to the North of the original site where the backwaters would touch the outer walls of the Temple if the KRS water level touches 124.80 ft, its maximum capacity. The relocated Temple is located around 9 kms by road from Brindavan Gardens and is around 30 kms from Mysuru.

# Nine trucks with VVPAT machines to arrive in city on Feb. 13: DC

Mysuru, Feb. 6- With the preparations for the forthcoming Assembly polls in the State that are due in a couple of months having already begun, the Voter Verification Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines will be arriving in city on Feb. 13.

Disclosing this after a meeting with representatives of various political parties at the new District Office Complex (Deputy Commissioner's Office) in Siddarthanagar here on Friday, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that nine trucks carrying 4,274 VVPAT machines from Hyderabad will be arriving in Mysuru on Feb.13 and the representatives of political parties can verify them. Any doubts about the machines can be got clarified on that day itself, he pointed out.

Continuing, Dr. Rajendra said that VVPAT machines are being received by the District Administration officers in Hyderabad and they would be brought to Mysuru under video-recording. Every step of their travel to Mysuru can be checked, he said adding that upon arrival of VVPAT machines, a mock poll would be conducted.

Noting that Mysuru district will have 2,905 polling booths, he said the process of addition and deletion of names in the electoral roll was under process. The special summary revision of electoral roll-2023 for publication of integrated draft electoral rolls and enrolment of eligible youths in the voters list was organised in the district in November last year, the DC added.

# Mega Udyoga Mela on Feb. 21

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (TRR)- K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas said that a Mega Udyoga Mela has been organised on Feb. 21 at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city.

Speaking at a preliminary meeting at his Office, he said that there will be stalls to provide information about the employment opportunities in various sectors. Students who have passed or failed in SSLC, those who have degrees, PGs and Engineering degree can also participate.

Stating that the Union Government provides required training and other facilities to students who want to go abroad and those who want to pursue higher education, Ramdas said that most of the students are not aware of this facility. The Central Government on its own helps students who want to go abroad to pursue higher education and make arrangements for their VISA, said Ramdas.

'There are 4,470 SSLC students in my Constituency and I have held a meeting with their parents. We aim to achieve 100 percent result this time in SSLC examinations,' he said.

# New wasp genus discovered at B.R. Hills

## Named as 'Soliga ecarinata' after the indigenous community

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 6 - A new genus of wasp from the forests of Biligiri Rangana Betta (B.R. Hills) in Chamarajanagar district has been discovered by entomologists of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).

The newly discovered wasp has been named 'Soliga ecarinata' after the indigenous community of B.R. Hills and Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar.

Dr. A.P. Ranjith and Dr. Priyadarshan Dharma Rajan, who discovered the new wasp genus, said that the initial work was done as part of the Western Ghats Insect Inventory Programme by ATREE and specimens were collected 15 years ago.

More specimens of the species were collected during a recent expedition to Nagaland, they added.

The wasp belongs to the sub-family Metopiinae of the Darwin wasps family Ichneumonidae. The species' name 'ecarinata' denotes the absence of ridges in some of its body regions. The entomologists described the insect as "strikingly colourful and distinct from all its relatives."

Priyadarshan said that the naming of the wasp is in acknowledgment of the Soligas' sustainability practices carried over generations and the community's efforts in conserving the BRT Wildlife Sanctuary.

# Anxiety & Stress

## The real pandemic in the world right now

**By Suchita Sanjay**
Clinical Hypnotherapist
& Mindset Coach

In India alone we have a large number of people struggling with anxiety and stress. In fact, these numbers are growing rapidly and this is the real-world "Pandemic" right now.

Anxiety sets in when we are constantly putting ourselves in a state of overwhelm by a certain situation or state. It can be some negating thoughts such as "What if things don't go well? What if it is not successful? What if something goes wrong?" Anxiety arises mostly over constant negative mind chatter.

If you re-read the examples in the above thought patterns you will notice the words "What if" being used as a series of negative looping thoughts and also the probability of a negative incident which might happen or might not happen. Another reason for anxiety is also constantly reliving past negative incidences in our mind, thereby not allowing the mind to rest in calmness. When the mind is completely occupied with negative mind chatter there is definitely a chemical reaction going to the body and mind which leads to unknown fears and anxiety.

**Stress is caused mostly by trying to stand up to someone else's expectations or our own expectations.** While doing so normally the mind is not put to rest. The mind is always in the mode of "what next" while ignoring what the mind and body need. Stress is sometimes caused because of excess work pressure at the workplace. It becomes very important to avoid burnout by drawing lines and boundaries to what one can do. Sometimes stress is also caused by constantly telling ourselves "Oh this job is killing me. This is stressful. These children are a pain in the neck. I would die if I don't get a coffee right now." **The harsh words we use with the tonality and the intent behind the words also cause stress levels to accelerate.** I was just noticing a preteen who kept using the word 'stress' often while in conversation and when I met the parent, I noticed the parent using the word 'stress' at least 5 times in a half-hour conversation. The parent also looked highly stressed. Pay attention because the next generation is watching you and they might unconsciously make it their thinking pattern too.

Paying attention to our thoughts, our language and what we feel is highly recommended. Here are some of the ways one can overcome stress and anxiety:

1. Take care of your thoughts. If the thoughts are constantly negative make sure you immediately give yourself a suggestion which would be positive.

2. Take care of your language. Using harsh words with a heavy tonality constantly will only become a habit and it creates your beliefs. So be watchful of what you speak.

3. Take care of yourself first. Check what negative habits need to change and change them with immediate effect without postponing.

4. Make sure you give yourself "Me Time". This time should be all yours where you are concentrating on your own needs. It can be learning what interests you, going out to do your favourite activity, reading that book you like, listening to that music you like or pampering yourself. It can also be about doing nothing at this time. Do what suits you at this time.

5. Check if your job is stressing you out and assess if you are being overworked and underpaid, being taken undue advantage of or if you are not able to draw lines and boundaries and work accordingly to make the changes you require.

6. Learn to delegate what can be delegated whether it is in your workplace or even if it comes to household chores.

7. Follow a healthy lifestyle which includes a good exercise regime, healthy eating habits and practising mindfulness activities like meditation, artwork or anything that brings calmness to your mind.

8. Forgive any incidences that might have caused deep pain. It might be difficult to forget but when you forgive you are taking your power back and not letting the incident or the person rule your mind.

9. Introspect yourself every day and make sure you bring awareness to what went wrong and how you can change that part.

**10. Choose to respond instead of reacting. When you choose to respond, your mind and body are in balance. When you react, your body and mind get into a stress mode or anxiety mode.**

11. Seeking help or therapy to cope with anxiety and stress when one is not able to have control over it helps in overcoming the same.

12. Pressing the happiness button every day helps. Bringing awareness to the mind that happiness is a state of mind and if we choose to be happy without attaching happiness to any emotional or material gain, then automatically our mind will also choose to be happy calm and balanced.

Our thoughts create our reality. The words we use form our beliefs. The feelings we give ourselves define how our health will be. That is why it is all the more important to keep our thoughts, our speech, and our feelings in sync. A happy mind is a healthy life made visible.

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# Free training for UGC-NET and K-SET at Jnanabuthi

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SSM)- Jnanabuthi will be conducting free training for UGC-NET (University Grants Commission (UGC) – National Eligibility Test) conducted by UGC to determine the eligibility for the post of Assistant Professor and Junior Research Fellowship award and K-SET (Karnataka State Eligibility Test) for Assistant Professorship conducted by Karnataka State Government. Interested may register their names between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm before Feb. 13 at Jnanabuthi premises in Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College. For details, contact Convenors K.Y. Nagendra on Mob: 82967-88251 or C.K. Kiran Koushik on Mob: 99728-30857, according to a release from Jnanabuthi Secretary H. Balakrishna.

# Retired HAL Research Scientist Dr. N.R. Keshavan passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Dr. N.R. Keshavan (78), retired Research Scientist and Chief of the Department, Helicopter Division, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru and a resident of Chamarajapuram, passed away on Feb. 3 in city.

Son of late N.G. Ramakrishna Iyengar, Dr. Keshavan leaves behind his wife Malini, son Chethan and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kuvempunagar Burial Grounds on Feb. 3.

**Profile:** Born on Apr. 2, 1945, Dr. Keshavan studied Mechanical Engineering at Malnad College of Engineering at Hassan and obtained M.Sc degree from Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru.

*Dr. N.R. Keshavan*

He received his doctorate in Aeronautical Engineering at England and joined as a Research Scientist at HAL in Bengaluru after his studies.

# NSS Unit inaugurated at Sree Cauvery First Grade College

***Seen in the picture are** (from left) **K.M. Padmavathi, Principal, Sree Cauvery First Grade College; M.M. Ponnappa, Vice-President, Kodava Samaja and Vice-Chairman, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions; B. Rekha, NSS Programme Officer, Teresian College, Mysuru; Prof. M.B. Suresh, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, UoM; K.M. Belliappa, Chairman, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions; M.P. Subbaiah, Hon. Secretary, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions; M.B. Aiyappa, Hon. Treasurer, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions and M.G. Sunil, NSS Programme Officer, Sree Cauvery First Grade College.***

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, had organised a programme at the College auditorium to inaugurate its NSS Unit recently.

Prof. M.B. Suresh, Programme Co-ordinator, National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Mysore, inaugurated by lighting the lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, he briefed about the importance of NSS for students.

After the programme, students actively participated in cleaning the institution premises.

**Talk on "Human Rights and Gender Equality"**

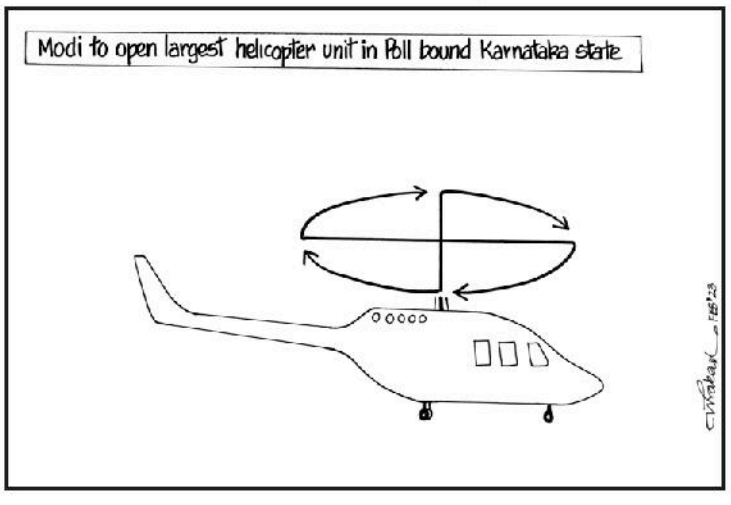
A talk on "Human Rights and Gender Equality" was organised by Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Association, Bogadi, in collaboration with Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, Mysuru, for degree students of Sree Cauvery First Grade College in Kuvempunagar recently.

K.B. Roshini, Advocate, was the guest speaker.

K.M. Padmavathi, College Principal, Kokkanda Biddappa, Association Secretary, K.M. Belliappa, Institutions Chairman, Dr. Cheyyanda Subramanya, Association President, M.P. Subbaiah, Institutions Hon. Secretary and M.B. Aiyappa, Institutions Hon. Treasurer were present on the occasion.

# TEASER

**By N. Prakash**



# RSS General Secretary delivers Convocation address

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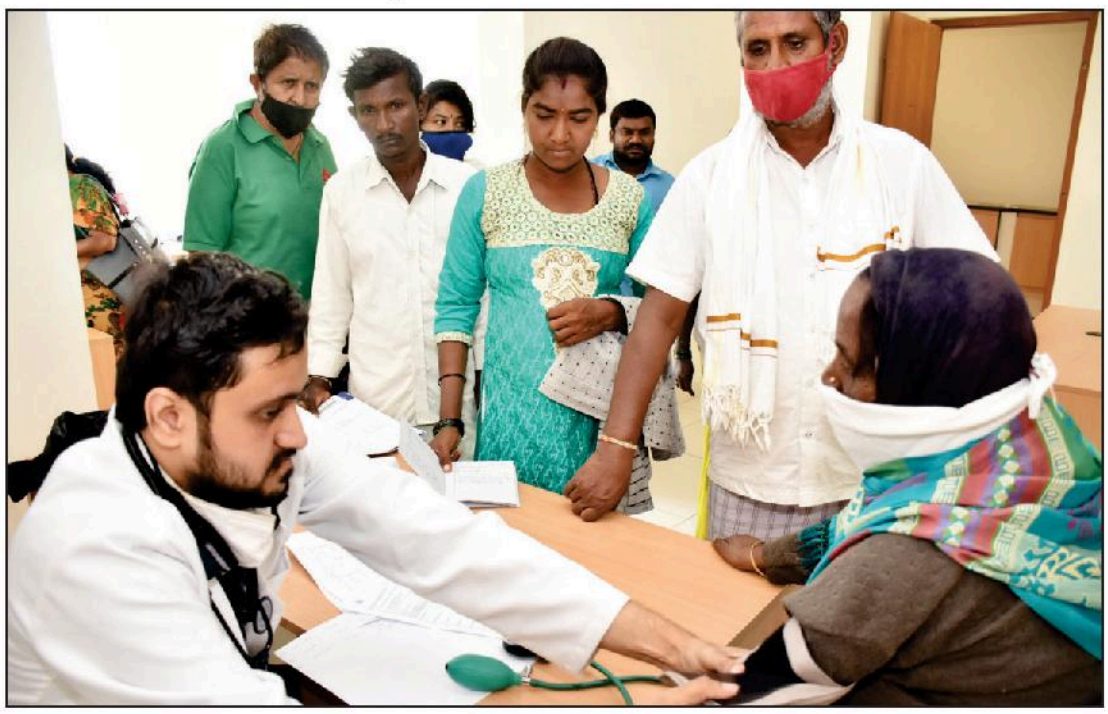
"A well-thought-out plot is being executed by some vested interests to show India in a bad light, distort its history, tarnish cultural traditions and denigrate the values it has stood for. This course has to change. A grand narrative of Bharat has to be built — both strengthening the cultural identity and flourishing of Bharat as a strong and prosperous nation have to be our mission," RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said.

The global role of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is evolving into an unprecedented stage. "Our country is hosting this year's G-20 events. Bharat's approach of 'World is one family' is being reflected in the G-20's theme — One Earth-One Family-One Future. At the same time, a cultural rejuvenation is happening across India. Our highly talented young people are capable of competing with the world in many fields," he added.

In a word of advice to the students, the RSS General Secretary said that the 'Amrit Kal' where India will complete 100 years of independence belongs to the students and youths. "The next 25 years belong to you. This will be a golden period both for your personal life and for the nation's life. Hence it is extremely important how you will chart your path and what role will you play to make this nation further great," he said. JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh welcomed. Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Registrar Dr. B. Manjunatha and others were present. In all, 2,339 students received their degrees and diplomas in various faculties. 65 candidates were awarded Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 25 candidates Master of Philosophy degrees and 6 candidates were conferred with Doctorate in Medicine and MCh degrees. 60 academic toppers were presented with 83 medals and awards for exceptional academic performance.

# Patients hail facilities at two new Govt. Hospitals on KRS Road



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To start with, facilities like plastic surgery, orthopaedics, paediatric surgery, neurology, neuro-surgery, urology, nephrology, gastroenterology, medical oncology, surgical oncology and Out-Patient Departments have begun at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and the Trauma Care Centre has the inpatient department comprising 130 beds and surgery departments.

As of now, the hospitals will function from 9 am to 4 pm and the timings will be extended depending on the situation and need. Sign boards have been put up at the shifted departments at K.R. Hospital, asking the patients to go to the hospitals on KRS Road.

A dedicated ambulance with a driver has been stationed at the K.R. Hospital premises to shift emergency patients to the hospitals on KRS Road and patients were seen taking autos and buses to reach the KRS Road this morning.

"The response has been good and we will gradually increase the facilities, equipment and staff. As of now, only limited facilities have been made available at the two hospitals on the KRS Road. They will grow to be full-fledged hospitals for the poor and needy in the due course of time," Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, Dean and Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

When asked about writing to KSRTC to depute special buses for patients to travel from K.R. Hospital to the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and the Trauma Care Centre, Dr.Dakshayini said that as of now, there are no such plans.

"We need to see the trend and how the patients are responding to the new facilities in the coming days. If need be, we will station the MMC&RI College bus in front of the K.R. Hospital daily to transport poor patients after assessing their affordability factor. If the patients cannot afford auto or bus transport, we will definitely help them as our institution is dedicated to public service," she added.

# No better place than India to invest: PM Modi

Narendra Modi inaugurates India Energy Week 2023, first major event in India's G20 Presidency Calendar

Bengaluru, Feb. 6 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi this noon inaugurated 'India Energy Week 2023' in Bengaluru and said that it is the first major energy event in India's G20 Presidency Calendar.

The India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 in Bengaluru will be held from Feb. 6 to 8 and is aimed to showcase the country's rising prowess as an energy transition powerhouse.

This will be PM Modi's third visit to the poll-bound State in less than a month. He visited Hubballi on Jan. 12 where he inaugurated a national youth festival and staged a massive roadshow. On Jan. 19, he was in Yadgiri and Kalaburagi Districts.

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai were also present at the PM's event today.

Addressing the delegates from the energy industry across the country, the PM stressed that there is no better place than India to make energy sector investments.

"The energy sector plays a major role in deciding the future of the world in the 21st century. India is one of the strongest voices today in developing new resources of energy and in the energy transition. The country which is also all set to become a developed nation, has unprecedented possibilities for the energy sector," he said.

PM Modi also said that Bengaluru always gives him a special energy whenever he visits the city. "Bengaluru is a city filled with the energy of technology, talent and innovation. Just like me, you too must be feeling the young energy here. This is the first major energy event in India's G20 Presidency Calendar and I am glad to be in the city," added the Prime Minister.

He further highlighted that India remained a global bright spot even after facing the pandemic. He said, "In an IMF (International Monetary Fund) growth projection for 2023, the data suggested that India is going to be the fastest-growing major economy even after facing the impact of the pandemic and war. We have a bright future ahead."

PM Modi will participate in a roundtable interaction with global oil and gas CEOs and will also launch multiple initiatives in the field of green energy.

# Bright and Sparkling talent...

By Dr. Rama V. Bennur

*Vid. G.K. Manmohan presenting a vocal recital accompanied by Keshava Mohan on violin. Picture right shows Vidu. M.R. Sudha giving a vocal concert accompanied by Adithi Krishnaprasd on violin, G.S. Ramnujam on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on morching.*

Kanakanahalli Vasudevacharya, popularly known as Mysore Vasudevacharya, is considered as 'Abhinava Tyagaraja'. His contribution to Karnatak music as a composer is very valuable.

An accomplished musician and a Sanskrit scholar, Vasudevachar's compositions reflect his both the qualities . His house in Mysuru, which was in a dilapidated condition is now buzzing with musical activities. Thanks to the brothers, Srinivas and Yadupathi Putty. Almost two or three concerts in a month happen there. Local and artistes from outside consider it as a blessing to sing in Acharya's house.

Recently, **Vid. G.K. Manmohan** sang Acharya's compositions there (7.1.2023). He had only violin for the accompaniment to enhance the musical feeling in the small hall.

Manmohan is one of our very talented singers who was taught music by dedicated teachers like Vidushis H.N. Rajalakshmi, Vasantha Sundar Rajan and Pushpa Shrinivasan. He has also learnt mandolin for 16 years! His deep love for classical music brought him back to India from a lucrative job in California. His rich imaginative rendering laced with awesome datu swara prayogas and enthusiastic spirals are the hallmarks of his singing. He was accompanied by the talented Keshava Mohan on violin. 'Devi Rame mamava' (Raga-Vasntha-Adi Tala) was the opening kruti that had a sparkling prelude. Kalpana swaras consisted lightening sancharas of datu swaras. Actually it is a challenge to experiment datu swaras in a vakra raga. But he carried it effortlessly.

A not-so-heard, dignified composition 'Pranamamyaham Sri Prananatham' in the raga Ranjani, set to Misra Chapu was literally a musical treat. The magnificent manodharma came alive in both alapana and kalpana swaras. The spirals, birkas and fast sangathis in his rendering, which is usually in madhyama kala makes it lively. 'Nachaividavakura' (Natakuranji-Rupaka), 'Sri Vasudeva Sri Ramana' (Ramapriya-Khanda chapu), 'Idi samayamu'(Natakapriya) and 'Paripahimam' (Shubhapnthuvarali) were the other compositions he sang. **Keshava Mohan** gave very good support on violin. Manmohan's selection of rare krutis was a welcome.

**Ganabharathi**

Young vocalist of Mysuru, **Vidu. M.R. Sudha** gave a concert at the Veene Seshanna Bhavan under the aegis of Ganabharathi on the 13th of January 2023. Sudha was honed by the senior musician of Mysuru Vidu. Gowri Kuppuswamy. Sudha was accompanied by **Adithi Krishnaprasd** on violin, **G.S. Ramnujam** on mridanga and **V.S. Ramesh** on morcing.

'Amboruha', a Varna in the Raga Ranjani in two speeds gave a good start to the concert (composed by GNB, set to adi tala). After saluting to Lord Ganapathi in 'GumGanapathe' (Hamsadhwani-Adi-Muthaiah Bhagavatar) laced by an attractive chitteswara and crisp kalpana swaras, she proceeded to present a short alapa of raga Devagandhari. Papanasam Shivan's kruti on Saraswathi 'Sharade veenavaadana visharade' set to adi tala set the mood to forthcoming treat.

Sudha's rendering of Raga Sriranjini confirmed her rich manodharma. A perfect approach with all the required embellishments to enhance the raga bhava filled the hall. Young Adithi too was equally good in her bowing. Tyagaraja's 'Marubalka (Adi) never ceases to please the listeners. The Kruti was decorated with interesting Kalpana swara by both Sudha and Adithi.

Though the main Raga of the day was Kambodhi, it was Hameerkalyani that turned out to be a testimony to her musical imaginations. Every phrase was pleasing for the pleasure of rasikas. She unfurled all the possibilities of this beautiful raga. Adithi's handling of Hameerkalyani on violin was equally pleasant with her innovative sangathis. Subbaraya Shastri's evergreen composition 'Venkata shaila vihara' was a perfect choice. She did justice to kambodhi by breathing life to it. The age old phrases came alive in her manodharma. Tyagaraja's another gem 'O Rangashayee' was superb with a neraval at 'Bhuloka vaikutha idiyani' followed by an elaborate kalpana swaras. The tani avartha by Ramanujam and Ramesh was filled with engaging and stimulating jathis by both the percussionists. Their support throughout the concert was commendable.

The concert ended with a few Devaranamas like 'Narayana ninna naamada mahime', 'Yadavaraya Brindavanadolu'.

# Senior artiste R.N. Srilatha conferred 'Samarpana Sangeetha Sri' Award

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SPN&DM)- Senior Musician Vidushi R.N. Srilatha was conferred 'Samarpana Sangeetha Sri' Award at the 'Sangeetotsava' programme organised by Smt. Radhamma Memorial Trust at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here recently.

Speaking after conferring the award, MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar said that Mysuru has been a home to Arts, Culture and Music for centuries. Noting that Mysuru, which is called as the Cultural Capital of the State, has many distinguished musicians and artistes, Somashekar said that it is good that senior musician Srilatha has been conferred with the award. Pointing out that Vidushi Srilatha has been teaching music to youths for many years, he lauded the Trust for promoting music and arts.

Speaking after being conferred with the award, Vidu. R.N. Srilatha said that students can build a better life by learning music and showing interest in humanities subjects. Highlighting the benefits of learning music, she said that discipline, determination and dedication holds key for excellence in music and other art forms.

Music students, who passed out Junior, Senior and Vidwat exams (2018, 2019 and 2021) with distinction — L. Archana (Vidwath), Amulya R. Bhat (Senior), Lhasya Nadutota (Junior), R. Nityashri (Vidwath), M.S. Koustubha (Senior), Niranjani Raghunandan Bhargava (Junior), H.V. Shama (Senior), Sujatha S. Nayak (Junior), T.P. Subashini (Vidwath), R. Tejaswini (Senior)and Likhita S. Gowda (Junior) — were felicitated on the occasion.

Samarpana Samsthe President Phaneesh, Secretary Sudha Phaneesh, Kannada and Culture Departmnet Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Mysuru Akashvani official Prabhuswamy Malimath and others were present.

# Delightful flute concert by Sameer Rao

Ninaada Griha Sangeet,' a monthly baithak series, curated by Ranjani Memorial Trust, Udupi, was organised here in Mysuru, as the second in the series, on Jan. 29 at Ninaada, Rishabh Siddhi Apartment, Kergalli, Mysuru.

The young and vibrant flautist of Mysuru, Sameer Rao, a disciple of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, presented the delightful flute concert, true to the line of his lineage. A rare raag called Sandhyashree was his choice of the evening. This raga, created by his guru Chaurasia, Sameer Rao delved to layakari in its gat in Matt tal carrying 9 matras with brilliant gaits, after a mellifluous rag alap and jod.

The end piece thihaays were wisely constructed to suit best for the percussive beauties of the tabla artiste Gururaj Adukala from Honnavar. His playing not only soothed the flow of flute but also proved his able saath along the rhythmic patterns of the composition.

Sameer continued the recital further with raag Des. His creativity found no bounds in this most popular melody wherein he kept the audience spellbound with his free lance manodharma capturing the learned ears too to dissolve in his captivating sways and whirls.

He concluded the concert with a dhun in raag Manj Khamaj. Needless to say that the sound audibility along with best quality acoustics at the small hall of Ninaada, provided a proven success to this evening concert.

While the curator V. Saranga Hebbar welcomed Shrimatidevi proposed a vote of thanks.

**Feb. 26 recital**

Next 'Ninaada griha sangeet' will be on Feb.26 at 6 pm with Bansuri recital by Ravishankar Mishra and Tabla Jugalbandi by Dr. Udayraj Karpur and Master Pradyumna Karpur.

# Curtain comes down on English Theatre Festival

## Seven plays staged by College students during three-day fest hosted by Mysore English Theatre Forum

***Scenes from the play 'Dr. Faustus'** (pic. left) **staged by the students of St. Philomena's College and 'The Refund' by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering students at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar yesterday evening.***

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Seven English plays were staged during the three-day English Theatre Festival for College students organised by the Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF) for the first time in the city from Feb.3 to 5 at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar.

Curtain came down on the fest last evening with the staging of two plays — 'Dr. Faustus' and 'The Refund.'

The evening began with the students of St. Philomena's College enacting another variation of the play 'Dr Faustus.' The 45-minute play highlighted the conversation between Dr. Faustus and the Devil Lucifer's assistant, Mephistopheles. Dr. Faustus takes pride in his knowledge of a vast variety of subjects and now wants to try his hand at magic.

***METF Theatre Festival Convenor Seemanthini B. Sharma seen with the volunteers.***

He uses magic to conjure Mephistopheles. He makes a pact with him to sell his soul in exchange for 24 years of service by Mephistopheles. Over time, he wonders whether he made the right decision or not, and whether he should ask God's forgiveness.

After a lot of conflict within himself, he finally stays with his decision of being served by the Devil. Exactly at the end of 24 years, the devils arrive to take his soul to Hell.

Though the team used appropriate lighting and costumes, it was rather puzzling to the audience that Dr. Faustus and Mephistopheles were lip-syncing a voice-over from backstage; emphasis should have been given to the actors' speech delivery and movements.

The last play of the festival was 'The Refund' by the students of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE). This humorous 35-minute play tells the story of a man who goes back to his School to claim a refund of his fees, since he didn't learn anything at school!

His teachers and the Principal decide to give him a re-examination, and only if he fails this will he get his fee refund. Both student and teachers try to outwit each other. The student tries hard to give the wrong answers each time, but the teachers always find a reason to prove that his answer is correct. He finally passes the examination in 'flying colours', and is therefore not entitled to a refund!

The VVCE team put up a good performance, with appropriate backup sound effects, and left the audience with a smile to go home — a cheerful way to end a theatre fest.

On Feb.3, St. Joseph's B.Ed College students staged the play 'Doctor Faustus' while SDM-MMK - 'The Refund'; On Feb. 4, St. Joseph's B.Ed College - 'Lit Violencia'; Cresta College - 'Merchant of Venice' and University College of Fine Arts - 'One Dark Night.'

METF is a group of theatre enthusiasts who have come together to promote English theatre activities. Those interested in English theatre may join METF. For details contact Seemanthini B. Sharma on Mob: 98864-57987.

# Awards presented at State-level Journalists Conference

***Karnataka Union of Working Journalists Association (KUWJA) held its Annual Awards ceremony and felicitation programme during the 37th State-level Journalists Conference on Feb. 4 and 5 at Vijayapura. Picture shows** (from left) **former Minister and MLA M.B. Patil presenting 'Bandapura Muniraju Award' to** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Photo-journalist M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, 'R.L. Vasudevarao Award' to** Prajavani **Hunsur Reporter H.S. Sachith and 'B.S. Venkataram Award' to** Kannada Prabha **Sub-Editor L.S. Srikanth as KUWJA President Shivanand Tagadur looks on.***

***Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) bagged the Best Journalists Association Award given by the Karnataka Union of Working Journalists Association (KUWJA) at the 37th State-level Journalists Conference held in Vijayapura on Feb. 4 and 5. The MDJA team was also felicitated by former Minister and MLA M.B. Patil on the occasion. Seen in the picture are** (sitting from left) **MDJA Rural President Dharmapura Narayana, General Secretary M. Subrahmanya, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK), who is also the Chief Reporter of** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **and KUWJA State Executive Committee Member from Mysuru B. Raghavendra.***

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Doctrinaire

**Pronunciation:** dahk-truh-NAIR.
**Meaning:** Doctrinaire is a formal word that means "stubbornly or excessively devoted to a doctrine or theory without regard to practical considerations." It is often used disapprovingly to describe a person who has very strong beliefs about what should be done and who will not change those beliefs or accept other people's opinions.
**Origin:** The noun doctrine refers to a set of ideas or beliefs that are taught or believed to be true, and is often used specifically for the principles on which a government or religion may be based. Its adjectival form, doctrinal ("of, relating, or preoccupied with doctrine"), as in "doctrinal teachings," is straightforward and not particularly judgmental. Doctrinaire, however, describes someone who is rigidly and impractically devoted to a doctrine. This critical connotation comes from the word's history in post-revolutionary France as a name for members of a group of constitutional monarchists led by statesman and philosopher Pierre Paul Royer-Collard. Royer-Collard's doctrine was opposed by both ultraroyalists and revolutionists, and he was given the nickname "doctrinaire," which was later capitalised and extended to his colleagues, thereafter known as the Doctrinaires.
**Example:** "[The art exhibition,] In the Black Fantastic is a magnificent experience, spectacular from first to last. ... The premise is succinct: to unite artists from African diaspora who use fantasy, myth and fiction to address racism and injustice. Apposite literary quotations appear on the walls, from Frantz Fanon and others. But there is nothing theoretical or doctrinaire about the work." —Laura Cumming, The Guardian (London), 3 July 2022.

## THE ODD WORD

### Damnification

Causation of injury or loss.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Dog Days of Summer

**Meaning:** The phrase 'Dog Days Of Summer' is used to talk about hot, sultry days.
**Origin:** The expression 'dog days of summer' is celestial in origin. The term indicates a period between July 3 and August 11 when the Dog Star, Sirius, rises at the same time or near the same time as the sun in the Northern hemisphere.
**Example:**"Popsicles are great for staying cool during dog days of summer."

## QUOTE BOX

Your voice was the soundtrack of my summer.— **Unknown**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CLOCK

*Answer :One eye on the clock.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Flows back
5 Domestic birds
10 Late US dancer ... Duncan
13 Recant
14 Decorated letter sheet
15 Our (French)
16 Ensigns or paragons?
18 Acme
19 Modular Avionics Unit
20 Fall short or disappoint
24 Sick
27 Expression of penitence
29 "Oceans" anagram for boats?
32 Set in motion
33 Reveal
35 African antelope
36 Thailand money
37 Snake-like fish
39 Being toward rear of a ship
42 Horny-plated South American mammal
45 Ballet company
49 Made possible
50 Children
51 Postponed
52 One who can copy other people
53 Belgian river

**DOWN**

1 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
2 Daring
3 Fish
4 Petty ruler
5 Firearms, rifles, pistols, etc.
6 Rock musician Brian
7 Superlative suffix
8 Some Assembly Required
9 An organ of sight
10 Short for 'instant', or the present month
11 ___ ___ speak : familiarly meaning that...? (2,2)
12 In an emergency or if necessary? (2,1,5)
17 Fight between two people
20 Latin rural deity with goat's horns, legs and tail
21 Yearly
22 International Cricket Council, in short
23 Town in Ladakh
25 Robbery proceeds
26 Coin and monetary unit of Bulgaria, equal to 100 stotinki?
28 An old, inferior, or worthless horse
29 Young bear
30 Literary snippets
31 He has visions of the future
34 Cure
38 Paths or narrow streets
40 Escape from danger
41 Lincoln's Mary
42 French preposition
43 Low ground between hills
44 Construction piece (1-3)
45 Kipling book
46 Paki spy group
47 Reg. Sales Mngr.
48 Alsace assent

**FRIDAY'S ANSWER**

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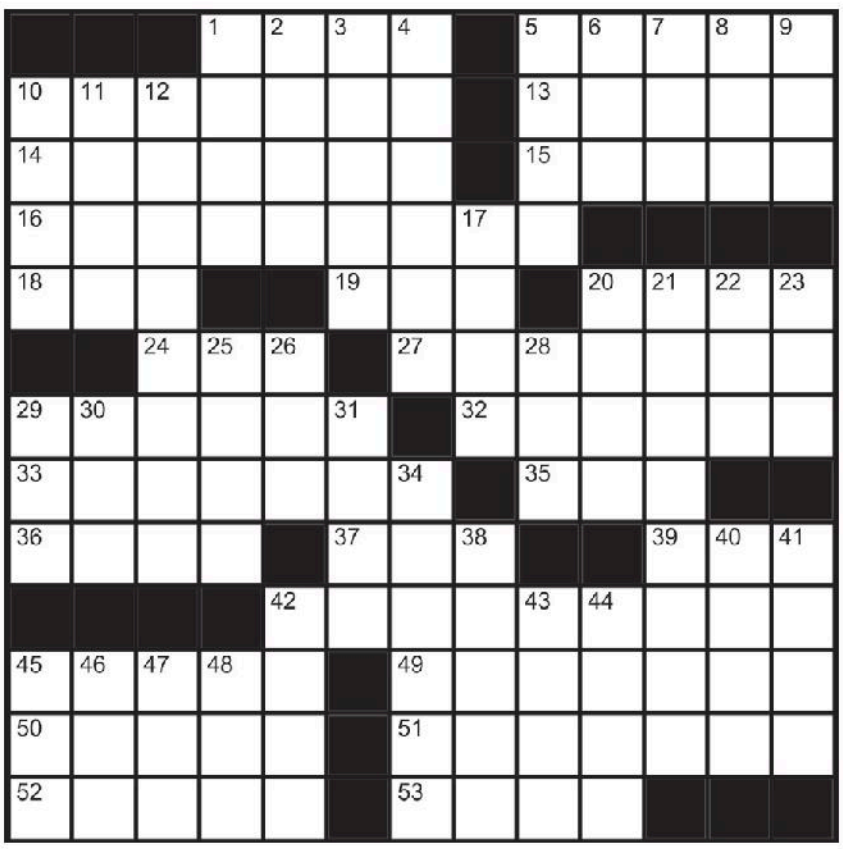

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 2 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 4 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**NA SAIAO OATGAVQ PUN FGAKBKSQ**

**ZQ ZB QU KBL TUO SUQPZSD.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS E**

**Friday's Cryptoquip:** The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.

# MOVIE LOVERS

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### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

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|---|---|---|
| *Pathaan (H)* | (S-1) | 10.15 am, 4.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-2) | 10.50 am; (S-4) 1.10 pm |
| *Kranthi (K)* | (S-1) | 1.05 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10 am, 4.05 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm |
| *Tanuja (K)* | (S-2) | 1.45 pm |
| *Pramsadesam (Te)* | (S-2) | 4.10 pm |
| *The Woman King (E)* | (S-2) | 7.15 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Nata Bhayankara (K)* | (S-3) | 10.50 am |
| *Michel (Ta)* | (S-3) | 1.20 pm, 7.00 pm |
| *Run Baby Run (Ta)* | (S-3) | 4.20 pm |
| *Writer Padmabhusan (Te)* | (S-3) | 10.00 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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| *Kranti (K)* | : 10.30am, 1.15pm, 4.30pm, 7.45pm, 9.15pm |
| *Pathaan (H)* | : 10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Varisu (Ta)* | : 1.00 pm |
| *Michael (Ta)* | : 1.45 pm, 6:00 pm |
| *Tanuja (K)* | : 4.10 pm |
| *Nata Bhayankara (K)* | : 4.15 pm |
| *Writer Padmabhushan (Te)* | : 6.45 pm |
| *Vedikettu (Ma)* | : 9.15 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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| *Kranti (K)* | : 11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Pathaan (H)* | : 9.30 am, 11.05 am, 12.45 pm, 2.20 pm |
| | 4 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Daman (H)* | : 4.10 pm |
| *Avatar: Way of Water (E-3D)* | : 5.35 pm |
| *BTS: (Korean - With Eng Sub)* | : 1.45 pm, 6.50 pm |
| *The Woman King (E)* | : 10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Knock at the Cabin (E)* | : 2.10 pm, 7.50 pm |
| *Michael (Te)* | : 10.55 am, 10.15 pm |
| *Michael (Ta)* | : 4.35 pm |
| *Run Baby Run (Ta)* | : 1.00 pm, 6.55 pm |
| *Writer Padmabhushan (Te)* | : 9.15 pm |

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| *Kranti (K)* | : 9.25 am, 12 noon, 3.25 pm, 6.50 pm, 10:15 pm |
| *Pathaan (H)* | : 11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm |
| | 6.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm |
| *The Woman King (E)* | : 12.50 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Michael (Ta)* | : 3.00 pm |
| *Michael (Te)* | : 9.30 pm |
| *Run Baby Run (Ta)* | : 3.50 pm |

# Prize winners of Western Group Dance Contest

***Dhruti of the team which won 1st prize in Western Group Dance Competition organised by Kaladhare Cultural Trust & Master 'N' Blaster Dance Group, Mysuru, in association with the Department of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru, is seen receiving the prize from Chamaraj, President & Mentor, Kaladhare Cultural Trust & Master 'N' Blaster Dance Group and Laxmi Prasad, Mentor, Mysore Rockerszz Academy as former Mayor Purushotham looks on. Picture right shows the third prize winning team — (from left) Giridhar, M. Pratham, M. Prajwal, M. Pratheek, Parash R. Bhat (Mentor) Managed by Sandeep's Dance Company, Rakshith and Pramod M. Rao.***

## EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 6)

- **National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell, Government of Karnataka, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and University of Mysore (UoM) NSS:** National Integration Camp, Tumakuru's Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Veereshananda Saraswathi Maharaj on 'Youth and Swami Vivekananda,' UoM NSS Bhavan, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Silk India-2023:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, **4.30 pm;** Expo, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture, University of Mysore (UoM):** Nudi Namana to Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji, releasing of book 'Gruha Balakeya Vastugalu: Badukigondu Adhyatmika Nota,' Suttur Seer graces, 'Nudi Namana' by Sri Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashrama-Tumakuru President Sri Veereshananda Saraswathi Swamiji and former UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Acting UoM VC Prof. H. Rajashekar presides, retd. Librarian Dr. C.P. Ramashesha speaks about the book, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivaratri, Dwadasha Jyotirlingagala Punyadarshana, cultural programme, **6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Manoniyantranakkagi Atmajnana' by BK Shivaleela, vacant site opposite Sumitra Silk, Chaduranga Road, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; Cultural programme, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 7)

- **Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja:** Sri Kshetra Kollapura Digambara Jaina Mutt Seer Swastishri Abhinava Lakshmisena Bhattaraka Pattacharyavarya Mahaswamiji Purapravesha and Guruvandane programme, Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja Mysuru President S.D. Mahesh Prasad, Kote Sri Shantinatha Jaina Basadi, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **8 am onwards.**
- **Silk India-2023:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell, Government of Karnataka, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and University of Mysore (UoM) NSS:** National Integration Camp, Bengaluru's Gandhi Bhavan President Nadoja Dr. Wooday P. Krishna talks on 'Gandhian Thoughts,' UoM NSS Bhavan, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Acting Shastra and Indian Theatre Foundation:** 'Actors on Acting' - an interaction programme, Preethi Nagaraj comperes, senior theatre person Rameshwari Verma presides, actors Vani Periyodi, Mallika Prasad Sinha, M.V. Pratibha and Bindu Rakshidi will speak on the occasion, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **5 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivaratri, Dwadasha Jyotirlingagala Punyadarshana, cultural programme, **6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Paramatma Darshana' by BK Manjula, vacant site opposite Sumitra Silk, Chaduranga Road, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; Cultural programme, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Fort:** Sri Trineshwaraswamy Brahmotsava, Avabhrita Theertha Snana, **morning;** Pallaki Utsava Dhwaja Avarohana, Mookabali Pradhana, Palace premises, **7 pm.**

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| | (S-2) | 10.00 am, 4.10 pm |
| | (S-4) | 1.10 pm |
| *Pathaan (H)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am, 4.00 pm |
| | (S-2) | 1.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| | (S-3) | 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.20 am |
| *The Woman King (E)* | (S-3) | 9.40 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm |
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| *Michael (Te)* | (S-4) | 10.10 pm |

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| *Pathaan (H)* | (S-1) | 12.30 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.20 pm |
| *Kranti (K)* | (S-3) | 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 11.00 am |
| *The Woman King (E)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am |
| | (S-4) | 4.55 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Nata Bhayankara (K)* | (S-4) | 2.10 pm |
| *Tanuja (K)* | (S-4) | 7.45 pm |
| *Run Baby Run (Ta)* | (S-1) | 3.30 pm |

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